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To: Department Heads

From: David E. Janssen
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**CALIFORNIA PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT: PROCESS FOR REVIEWING
RECOMMENDATIONS**

We recently received a revised California Performance Review (CPR) Commission hearing schedule (which is attached) and learned that the Commission will not be making recommendations to the Governor, but is primarily a forum for the public and invited interested parties to testify. When the hearings are concluded on September 24th, the Commission will assemble a record for the Administration which will be left with the task of determining what to do with the over 1,000 individual recommendations. State departments have already begun their own process of soliciting comments from interested parties to help them decide upon their recommendations to the Governor for administrative implementation or inclusion in the Governor's January budget recommendation.

In light of the above, although it is important to make the Commission aware of the implications of the recommendations that impact the County wherever possible, it is more important to take the time to fully analyze the most important CPR recommendations, seek Board approval for positions when needed, and work with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the Administration, and the Legislature to achieve our objectives.

Consequently, I believe we should proceed as follows:

1. Generally, departments need not testify or provide written comments to the Commission, but are encouraged to monitor the relevant meetings to better understand proposals that affect them. If a department believes a proposal is so significant and harmful as to warrant comments, they should check with their Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) staff contact to assure that there is Board policy on the issue and, if not, confine their comments to implementation issues such as the cost or complexity of administering the proposal, or describing the impact on recipients of affected services.

2. Based upon preliminary department analyses, my office will work with departments to prioritize the CPR recommendations, determining which ones are County or department priorities.
3. Given the statewide impact of most proposals, we will work through state associations such as the CSAC and its affiliated organizations, as much as possible, to shape shared positions.
4. With respect to County priorities, we will soon be requesting additional information needed to make the County's case within CSAC, as well as with the Administration in its deliberations on the CPR recommendations. Whether we think a proposal is sound or a potential disaster, we have a better chance of achieving a positive outcome if we can influence the deliberative process for the Governor's Budget where the major CPR proposals will wind up if the Administration decides to pursue them.
5. Based upon the information provided by departments, we will provide the CPR Commission with a letter summarizing the County's position on those recommendations for which there is Board policy prior to the conclusion of their deliberations.

Thank you for your detailed and prompt responses to our initial request for information.

Feel free to call me at 213-974-1101 if you have any questions or suggestions, or your staff can call John Redmond at 213-974-1348.

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Attachment

c: Each Supervisor

UPDATED CPR COMMISSION HEARING SCHEDULE

(as of 8/16/04)

Riverside, August 13th at UCR
10:00 to 3:00p.m.
Infrastructure

At this hearing, the topics to be discussed will include: Transportation; Hospital, Housing and School Construction; Water and Energy.

San Diego, August 20th at UCSD
10:00 to 4:00p.m.
Health and Human Services

San Jose, August 27th at SJSU
10:00 to 4:00 p.m.
General Government; Information Technology, Performance-based Management, Procurement and Personnel

(Long Beach or Los Angeles), September 9th at (TBD)
10:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Education, Training, and Volunteerism

Long Beach, September 10th at Cal State Long Beach
10:00 to 4:00p.m.
Corrections Reform (Deukmejian Commission) and Public Safety

Fresno, September 17th at Cal State Fresno
10:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Resource Conservation and Environmental Protection

(Location TBD), September 27th at TBD
10:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Government Reorganization

NOTE

While each hearing will focus on a specific topic or topics within CPR, the Commission will take public testimony at the end of each day on any issues contained in the report.